

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER R. PILLING,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHOE COUNTY DETENTION  
CENTER, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:24-cv-00481-ART-CSD

**ORDER**

(ECF No. 1)

On October 21, 2024, pro se plaintiff Christopher Pilling, an inmate at Washoe County Detention Center (“WCDC”), submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is deficient because Plaintiff failed to include an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period with it and the financial certificate was not properly completed. Even if Plaintiff has not been at WCDC for a full six-month period, he must still submit both a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the dates that he has been at the facility.

This Court must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month**

1 **period.** See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not  
2 relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate  
3 can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

4 It is therefore ordered that the incomplete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
5 (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice.

6 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until December 23, 2024**, to either pay the  
7 full \$405 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
8 with all three required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two  
9 signatures on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate  
10 and the prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement  
11 for the previous six-month period.

12 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
13 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff  
14 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when he can file a complete  
15 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

16 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Christopher Pilling the approved  
17 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same,  
18 and to retain the complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

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20 DATED: October 22, 2024

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23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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